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LETTER DATED 28 APRIL 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and further to our earlier letters concerning violations by the Kuwaiti side of the provisions of the cease-fire between our two countries, I have the honour to inform you of further violations committed by the Kuwaiti side. The details of these acts are as follows:

1. On 5 April 1992, at 1030 hours, 10 Kuwaiti motorboats gave chase to a number of Iraqi fishing vessels between buoys 9, 11 and 13 in the Khor Abdallah and detained a number of these vessels, together with the individuals on board, escorting them towards Bubiyan Island.

2. On the same day, at noon, two Kuwaiti vans arrived at farms in the vicinity of the Martyr Himam guard post, carrying a number of Kuwaiti civilians and policemen. After getting out of the vehicles, the Kuwaitis set up signposts to which they attached two red and white tapes.

3. On 18 April 1992, a Kuwaiti patrol travelling in a grey Chevrolet opened medium-calibre machine-gun fire on the Umm Qasr building, at geographical coordinates 801259.

4. On 19 April 1992, at 1515 hours, four vans stopped some 100 to 150 metres away from the Talha guard post (at geographical coordinates 455313), where they set up marker lights. Two of the vehicles then set out for the Kuwaiti guard post situated opposite the above-mentioned post. The two other vehicles drove on to the road, heading for the Radka guard post, at geographical coordinates 365323.

5. On 20 April 1992, at noon, the Kuwaiti side built a dirt embankment along the frontier between geographical coordinates 659299 and 615309, passing through the area situated at geographical coordinates 625309. The Kuwaiti military engineering detachment which carried out this action included an excavator, two cargo lorries and a patrol vehicle for defence. This action took place 300 metres inside Iraqi territory for a distance of 4,500 metres.

6. On 25 April 1992, at 2300 hours, elements from the Kuwaiti post situated opposite the Abu Musa post (at geographical coordinates 724277) using GC rifles fired eight shots in the direction of the above-mentioned post.

These repeated acts of aggression perpetrated by the Kuwaiti side are clearly intended as a provocation and constitute a flagrant violation of the cease-fire provisions set forth in Security Council resolution 687 (1991). They also violate the provisions relating to the demilitarized zone.

In drawing your attention to the significance of these acts, the Government of the Republic of Iraq lodges a vigorous protest against these flagrant acts of aggression by the Kuwaiti side against the security of Iraq, its citizens and frontier posts, and emphasizes that the Kuwaiti side must bear responsibility for the consequences which these violations may have.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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